

Application No. 10/822,816  
Reply to Office Action of January 26, 2006

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1A, 1B, 2A-2D, 3, and 4A-4C.

Attachment: 4 Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 4 and 6-28 are presently pending in this case. Claims 1-3 and 5 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, Claims 4, 6, and 22 are amended, and new Claim 28 is added by the present amendment. As amended Claims 4, 6, and 22 and new Claim 28 are supported by the original claims, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, the specification and drawings were objected to; Claims 1-3 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Lewiner et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,078,173); and Claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Lewiner et al. However, Claims 4 and 6 were objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim, but otherwise were indicated as including allowable subject matter if re-written in independent form. Claims 7-21 and 23-27 were allowed.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claims 7-21 and 23-27 and the indication that Claims 4 and 6 include allowable subject matter.

The specification is amended to recite that Figures 4A to 4C illustrate prior art configurations, and Figures 9A to 9I illustrate a fifth embodiment of the present invention. Accordingly, the objection to the specification is believed to be overcome.

Figures 1A, 1B, 2A-2D, 3, and 4A-4C are amended to include the legend "Prior Art." Accordingly, the objection to the drawings is believed to be overcome.

Claims 1-3 and 5 are canceled, making the rejection of these claims moot.

Claims 4 and 6 amended to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claims 4 and 6 are allowable.

Finally, Claim 22 is amended to include the subject matter of Claim 4 and new Claim 28 is added including the subject matter of Claims 6 and 22. As Claims 4 and 6 were

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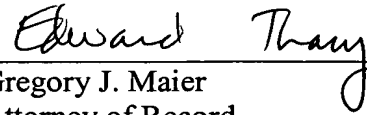
indicated as including allowable subject matter, amended Claim 22 and new Claim 28 are also allowable.

Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance.

An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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